

## IDOP 2025 – Discussion Questions

The discussion questions below are based on Release International's 2025 IDOP theme: *Pastors under Pressure*. They are designed to be used in small groups after watching the *Pastors under Pressure Sri Lanka* film and reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-12.

1. How did it make you feel to hear the testimonies from Sri Lanka? How would you feel if this kind of thing happened to your own church leader?
2. According to the Apostle Paul, why has God chosen to keep the treasure of the gospel in clay jars like him? (v7) Does this give you confidence in your own calling to serve God? Why?
3. In v8-9 Paul uses a series of striking paradoxes to describe his Christian experience. Do you believe these things can be simultaneously true? How do we see that in the life of Paul himself, and the testimonies of persecuted Christians today?
4. What does it mean for Paul to say that he always carries round in his body the death of Christ? (v10.) What would it look like for you to do this in your context?
5. How can suffering for the gospel bring life to other people? (v12)
6. How has this discussion inspired you to pray for persecuted Christians?